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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The cited references are enclosed for the Examiner's review. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, Applicants further request a copy of the 1449 form, marked as being considered and initialled by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Since no first Office Action has been received by Applicants, a fee is not enclosed. However, if such fee is required, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 500471 for fees as set forth under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p).

Applicants respectfully request consideration of these references during prosecution of the above-identified matter. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Communication or the tendered references.

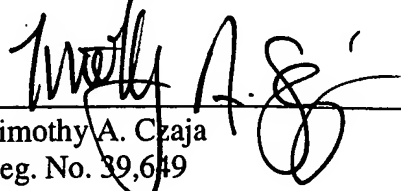
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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

AO	IBM, "Pre-Conditioning of Sliders to Minimize Disk Damage During Load/Unload," IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Vol. 39, No. 10, October 1996.
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